

Conservation Division
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January 11, 1978

Mr. T. R. Beck, General Manager
The Anaconda Company
New Mexico Operations, Uranium Division
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Dear Mr. Beck:

The mining and reclamation plan for the PW2-PW3 Mine Project has been reviewed by the Pueblo of Laguna, Southern Pueblos Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and U.S. Geological Survey. The Pueblo of Laguna and Southern Pueblos Agency have approved the plan as submitted. The Geological Survey has determined that the action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the sense of NEPA, Section 102(2)(c) and is not highly controversial.

Accordingly, the PW2-PW3 Mine Project is hereby approved subject to the conditions listed below.

1. An adequate survey grid system will be established in the area indicated on the enclosed map to monitor for surface subsidence. A plan for this monitoring system will be submitted to the Area Mining Supervisor for approval prior to actual ore extraction. This grid system will be monitored quarterly and the results submitted to the Area Mining Supervisor as soon thereafter as possible.
2. The Anaconda Company will take adequate and appropriate measures to prevent accidents in the areas indicated on the enclosed map where adverse ground conditions could constitute a safety hazard.
3. Endangered species and archaeological clearances for the project will be obtained from the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Albuquerque office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, respectively.
4. Upon termination of the PW2-PW3 Mine Project, the North Paguate Pit will be backfilled as indicated on the map submitted to this office January 10, 1978. This map has been included in the mining and reclamation plan for the PW2-PW3 Mine Project.

5. Any surface depressions resulting from subsidence of the PW2-PW3 Mine workings will be appropriately backfilled as long as The Anaconda Company is actively conducting mining operations within Pueblo of Laguna Uranium Lease Number 1.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SED.) DALE C. JONES

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Mining Engineer
For Area Mining Supervisor

Enclosure

cc: Superintendent, Southern Pueblos Agency, BIA (2)
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